

# CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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## CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION

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### STATE AND COUNTY SOCIETY ACTIVITIES

#### FINANCES—RECENT SPECIAL EXPENDITURES

The year 1935 presented several major problems that were of vital concern to the Association and its members. The House of Delegates, after consideration, formulated Association policies and delegated to special committees and to the Council the responsibility of instituting these policies and the obtaining of their adoption. The House of Delegates directed the Council to provide the necessary money to defray the expenses of these special committees, fixing no amount for such expenditures. No limitation was specified.

In discharging the duties with which it was charged, the Committee of Five incurred obligations to the amount of \$34,866.65. Under the mandate of the House of Delegates the Council paid this total obligation with Association reserve funds.

Under specific instructions of the House of Delegates the Committee of Six incurred obligations in the amount of \$4,736.19. Under the mandate of the delegates, the Council paid this obligation with reserve funds of the Association.

These two extra expenses, totaling \$39,602.84, were occasioned by specific resolutions adopted by delegates convened in regular and special sessions. They were not incurred by the Council or by any officer of the Association. The House of Delegates being the supreme authority in this Association, the Council had no alternative but to comply with the mandate and action of the House of Delegates.

The foregoing information is published in order that every member may understand the authority upon which (and for which) these reserve funds were expended. Further, to correct statements that have been made that these expenditures were incurred by reason of action that originated in the Council.

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#### VISITS OF THE PRESIDENT, PRESIDENT-ELECT, AND SECRETARY TO COUNTY SOCIETIES

President Peers, President-Elect Pallette, and Secretary Warnshuis propose to attend one meeting of as many county societies as possible during this fiscal year.

To date they have attended meetings of the following societies: Sacramento, Alameda, San Francisco, Kern, Fresno, Marin, Sonoma, Napa, Solano, Siskiyou, Tehama, Humboldt, Lassen-Plumas-Modoc, and Butte.

The purpose of these visits is to make personal contacts, ascertain local conditions and problems, to stimulate society activity, and to impart a clearer insight to the members in regard to the policies, programs and functions of the State Association.

It is a very genuine pleasure to meet and contact our members. Mutual profit and good result. New engagements for visits to other counties are being made each month.

### DEFEATED CAPTAINS

The dean of St. Paul's, in London, addressed a group of doctors from all over the world in these words:

"I greet you as defeated captains. You are always doomed to final failures in your encounter with disease."

In the end the Dean's comment is true enough; but we are meeting the enemy more successfully than ever before in the history of the world, and though we are still doomed to final failure (and who would have it otherwise) that finale is being put off longer and longer for the average person.

Life expectancy has been increased from 53 years to 61.3 years.

Tuberculosis has been demoted from the position of "Captain of Death."

Diphtheria mortality has been reduced almost to the vanishing point.

Typhoid fever is no longer the skeleton in the cupboard.

The following are today the leading causes of death.

	Per 100,000
Diseases of the heart.....	261
Cancer .....	126
Nephritis .....	86
Cerebral hemorrhage .....	80
Pneumonia .....	77
Accidents .....	71
Tuberculosis .....	56
Congenital malformations and diseases of infancy .....	49
Diabetes .....	28
Suicides .....	10

While we shall always, in the end, be defeated captains it will be noted that our defeat is at the hands of degenerative diseases, and for the average person it has been delayed until the age of sixty-one years.

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### SCIENTIFIC EXHIBITS

Members desiring to present scientific exhibits at the 1936 annual session in Coronado are requested to file their application with the State Secretary. In making application, please send a brief description of the exhibit, space required, and light requirements. There is a limited space available in the Coronado Hotel. This will be assigned in the order in which applications are received. Every effort will be made to accommodate members, but when available space is exhausted it will be impossible to provide additional space.

Acceptance of applications is decided by the Scientific Program Committee.

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### LOCAL COMMITTEE ON ARRANGEMENTS

Conforming to by-law provisions, the chairman of the Council has appointed the following local Committee on Arrangements: C. O. Tanner (chairman), Harold Dewey Barnard, Ralph Kaysen, R. C. Lounsberry, and C. B. Bernardini.

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### TO AVOID MALPRACTICE SUITS

1. Keep a complete record of each case, covering hospital, home, and office care, including telephone advice.
2. Do not spare x-rays.

3. Avoid as far as possible telephone diagnoses and treatment.
4. Fill out death certificates accurately and completely. These may be used as evidence with incriminating consequences.
5. Do not perform an autopsy without a written permission from the nearest relative.
6. Avoid carelessness and ill-founded opinions.
7. Defer pressing collections against dissatisfied patients until the period of limitations has expired.
8. Be guarded in your prognosis.
9. Encourage calling in consultants.
10. Remember the Golden Rule.

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#### ASSOCIATION ROSTER OF MEMBERS

The following name of a member of the California Medical Association was inadvertently omitted from the list of members published in the September issue: P. F. Haskell, Artesia.

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#### OLD MEMBERS

October 11, 1935.

J. Roy Jones, M. D.,  
California State Life Building,  
Sacramento, California.

Dear Doctor Jones:

I have not forgotten your request for information regarding the physicians listed in your letter of February 2, but with the large amount of work on hand during the first months of the year, it has not been possible to give much time to the research work required.

Recently, I wrote Doctor Pinkham asking if he knew of any physician now living older than Dr. E. W. Bathurst, and he has sent us a copy of letter which he wrote you under date of October 3.

All the past records of the Association on file in this office have been carefully gone over, and we find the following data:

Of the following physicians there is no record of membership in the Association: J. Ridgeley, T. T. Cabaniss, George C. Furber, W. H. Gatliff, S. Southard Harwood, Asbury C. Helm, Arad Jewell, C. A. McCash, Frederick J. McNulty, S. Mix, J. A. Mooers, Daniel Ream, J. W. Reims, A. M. C. Smith, H. Wadsworth, and E. Wadsworth.

Dr. E. W. Bathurst has been a member since 1916, possibly before.

Dr. Charles S. Cowan was a member from 1886 to 1898.

Dr. Benjamin M. Gill was a member from 1892 to 1896.

Dr. Charles W. Butting (deceased), from 1885 to death in 1929.

Dr. Will H. Tebbe (deceased), from 1916 to death in 1929.

Dr. Frederick H. Tebbe is now a member of the Alameda County Medical Society, with offices at 527 Dalziel Building, Oakland. It is possible you might obtain more information from him.

I realize that this information is very meager and gives nothing of the personal history desired. Our files in this regard are very incomplete. In fact, it is only within the last few years that any attempt has been made to assemble any of the historical records of the Association. If you succeed in obtaining further data regarding the lives and work of the splendid men who have made up the State Society in the past, we will be glad to have them for our historical files, as you suggest.

Very truly yours,

F. C. WARNSHUIS, M. D.,  
*Secretary-Treasurer.*

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#### RADIO BROADCASTS

The Radio Committee of the San Francisco County Medical Society deserves commendation for its activity in preparing and executing a program of radio

broadcasts under the caption, "Science Edits the News." This program will be extremely valuable in building sound public opinion in regard to the question of public health and sound medical practice.

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The San Francisco County Medical Society enters its fifth year of radio broadcasting. During that time approximately four hundred broadcasts have been completed through stations KFRC and KJBS in two fifteen-minute periods a week. These talks have met with encouraging response, and we have a wide following. Recognition of their value has been acknowledged by KYA and its allied channel of the press, the Hearst papers.

At their request, coincident with the recently granted approval by the board of directors of the county society, we transfer our broadcasts exclusively to that station (KYA) on Tuesday, October 15. Hereafter, until so changed, every Tuesday at 6 to 6:15 p. m. our Society will endorse and produce a program entitled, "Science Edits the News."

A sponsor will undoubtedly soon seek our program. When that sponsor has been approved by the board of directors an income will immediately accrue to the Society of no small means. I need not dwell upon the unlimited possibilities of such a program. Before the first of the year KYA will increase its power five times, enabling to have full Pacific Coast coverage. In addition, we shall have the benefit of proper and ethical publicity in their chain of papers.

These new broadcasts will be different from the rather didactic type of "lecture" heretofore presented. The chief purpose now is to give the public honest facts in an ethical matter concerning newspaper items related to medicine and its allied sciences. Thus we shall be able to be of great service to our community in giving them honest information of value, as well as the opportunity to crack down on the charlatan whose nauseating misinformation now fills the air. I am sure that the more truth concerning medicine the public has, the less we shall be the victim of "cultist" propaganda and legislative attempts, and certainly our opportunity here is great to teach, to caution and to increase respect for true Hippocratic medicine.

In this effort we ask your help, criticism, and patience. We are without financial aid as yet, but we know what can be done through this medium of expression, what we want to do and what we intend to do in an ethical and rational manner. Please tell your patients and your friends to listen to these broadcasts every Tuesday at 6 p. m. over KYA. The success of any program depends upon the reaction of the listeners.

H. M. F. BEHNEMAN, M. D.

*Chairman, Radio Committee, San Francisco County Medical Society.*

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#### A BORROWED THOUGHT

If a man builds a house and leaves it exposed to the sun, the wind, the rain, the frost, it will, from the very moment when he ceases to put work into it, begin to decline; unless he continue to be a builder, to use paint and timber and cement as occasion arises; the elements will undo his work and all will return through destruction to nothingness.

It may only take a few years, it may take centuries; but infallibly the creation of man's hands will deteriorate and dissolve; unless man fights he must be defeated.

This is as true of a man's character and of a man's profession as it is of his monuments and his houses. Unless he goes on creating and constructing new forms of service in his profession they will infallibly succumb to inertia, which lies like the sea around every effort of man's spirit.

Most of us have seen with regret the young man who, perhaps, after leaving public school or university, slowly declines from progress to stagnation, from stag-

nation to deterioration, because he has allowed to die within him the determination to build a finer personality. He thinks his education was complete when he took his degree, and he ceases to strive. He becomes less ambitious, less interested and, finally, even less intelligent.

The foregoing is the "borrowed thought" which the present thought seeks to displace—to prevent the borrowed thought from becoming an actuality in California. It has been authentically stated that the doctor of medicine who pursues no postgraduate studies during the five years after graduation falls quite far in the rear of the front lines of modern scientific practice. It has also been demonstrated that the same doctor of medicine who in ten years does not exert himself to pursue postgraduate studies, only the exceptional one by his own personal effort is able to regain a position in the first line of modern medical practice. Are you that exceptional man?

In order that you may become that exceptional man, the California Medical Association, through its Committee on Postgraduate Clinical Conferences, has arranged to provide opportunities to remain abreast of medical progress. The committee urges that every member avail himself of the opportunities that are now being arranged for our members by our one-day conferences in each councilor district of the State. Continue to complete your education. If you do, there will be no stagnation among the doctors of medicine in California. "We perceived the shadow to have moved, but did not see it moving." This is an admirable text—a sermon in itself—whereby one may narrate the progress of scientific medicine. Are you remaining in the shadow of medicine? Will you emerge from the shadow into the brilliant sunlight of modern scientific progress?

## COMPONENT COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETIES

### CONTRA COSTA COUNTY

The Contra Costa County Medical Society met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, October 8, at the Hotel Carquinez, Richmond.

Those attending were: Doctors Lucas, Weil, J. B. Spalding, Clara H. Spalding, Ross Powell, William Powell, Ross, Hedges, Dozier, Blake, Fraser, Daily, Carpenter, Morrow, and Taylor; Dr. G. D. Delprat, Doctor Brown, C. Johnson, D. D. S., Mr. Ben Reed, all of San Francisco; Mrs. Nora Purviance of the Health Center, Mr. Rafter of the Richmond Cottage Hospital.

Dr. S. N. Weil reported on a letter and request from the State Emergency Relief Administration asking the sanction of the local medical society as to the handling of those SERA patients who require personal medical care and supplies for such acute and urgent conditions as properly come under this grouping. Dr. J. B. Spalding made a motion that the fee schedule included in Miss Epstein's letter be adopted (this fee schedule being almost identical with the State Compensation fee schedule) and that a panel of physicians serve, this panel to consist of all eligible physicians in the county, whether they be members of the Contra Costa County Medical Society or eligible for membership. Motion was seconded by Doctor Weil, and carried.

Request was made by the SERA that the president appoint a committee of two to serve as auditors in the event of a question arising as to fee charged. Doctor Lucas stated that this committee will be appointed later.

The meeting was then turned over to Dr. Thomas Dozier of Antioch, chairman of the evening. Doctor Dozier introduced the guest speakers. Dr. G. D. Delprat spoke of the need for the Public Health League of California and something of its history. Chester Johnson, D. D. S., told of the purpose of that body and something of the things they have accomplished so far. Mr. Ben Reed reviewed very comprehensively the activity of that organization during the past ses-

sion of the State Legislature. He told of its vigilance, its accomplishments, its hopes, and its warning signals. And, no doubt, everyone who heard him received a more comprehensive grasp of the legislative situation than they ever had before. He told of the excellent coöperation which had been rendered by our own Senator Sharkey and Assemblyman DeLap, and suggested that we vote them our thanks. He informed us that Contra Costa County was one of the very few counties in the State where no local chapter of the Public Health League of California had been formed. He urged that we take such action at once.

Doctor Fraser made a motion that we go on record as approving the organization of a local chapter, which motion was seconded and carried.

Doctor Lucas appointed Dr. Kaho Daily chairman of a committee for the organization of a chapter. Doctor Daily is to appoint his own supporting committee, taking cognizance of the other two professional groups, namely, the dental and nursing professions, which are most vitally interested.

Suggestions from the various members followed as to modes of procedure, and it was finally decided to leave to the discretion of the organization committee the matter of meetings and speakers.

Doctor Lucas announced that the Board of Supervisors have not yet responded to the request of the Contra Costa County Medical Society that they meet with the Committee on Public Relations.

Doctor Lucas announced the next meeting will be the customary informal dinner, with election of officers for 1936, to be held on November 12.

CLARA H. SPALDING, *Secretary*.



### HUMBOLDT COUNTY

The Humboldt County Medical Society had their renewal of meetings after summer vacations, on the evening of September 19 at St. Joseph's Hospital. President Charles Falk, Jr., presided.

The following papers were presented: *Surgery of the Colon in Carcinoma* by John W. Cline of San Francisco, and *Peptic Ulcers and Electrocardiogram* by H. M. Behneman of San Francisco. Both papers were well presented, our members getting a great deal of good from the material given and having the doctors with us.

LAWRENCE A. WING, *Secretary*.



### ORANGE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Orange County Medical Association was postponed from September 3 to September 17. On the latter date the meeting was held at the usual place, the Chapel of the Orange County Hospital.

Doctors Dale Phetteplace of Fullerton, Elmer Otis of Brea, Thomas Rhone of Orange, and Paul Esslinger of Capistrano were elected to membership.

Two amendments to the Constitution were voted down; one was increasing the initiation fee, and the other was increasing annual dues.

Mr. Speed, manager of the Medical Bureau, gave a report on the progress of this collecting agency, which consists only of members of the Orange County Medical Association. Although it has only been formed about four months it is beginning to pay for itself, and the percentage charged was enough during the past month to pay all expenses and, in addition, to make a little profit.

Dr. J. J. Montanus presented the scientific paper of the evening on *Cancer of the Breast, with Special Reference to Prognosis and Grading of Tumors*. He gave a classical, scientific dissertation which showed a fund of knowledge and profound thought and study. The paper was well received, and it was moved by Doctor Clark, and carried, that this paper be submitted to the JOURNAL for publication.

The October meeting of the Orange County Medical Association was held on Tuesday, the first, in the Chapel of the Orange County Hospital at 8 p. m.

A representative of the Occidental Life Insurance Company presented a plan for the surgical and medical care of families. This plan is apparently the best so far presented; however, on the motion of Doctor Hollingsworth, the Society went on record as not endorsing any health insurance company scheme that has been suggested to date.

Doctor Farrage, in a communication from the Santa Ana Post of the American Legion, suggested that the disaster committee work of the Legion be extended throughout the county and that the medical society have complete control over the medical phase of this work. It was brought out that the Red Cross and Legion plans somewhat overlap, and on motion it was agreed that a committee be appointed to work with the Legion and the Red Cross in this matter.

Dr. John Kraushaar was unanimously elected to membership. The application of Dr. Llewellyn E. Wilson was read for the first time.

The scientific paper of the evening was given by Dr. Karl E. Kretschmar of Los Angeles on *The Injection Treatment of Hernia*. After considerable discussion of his excellent paper the meeting adjourned.

WALDO S. WEHRLY, *Secretary*.

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#### RIVERSIDE COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Riverside County Medical Society was held at the Riverside Community Hospital on October 14 at 8 p. m.

The topics and guest speakers were: *Infections of the Skin—Bacterial, Fungus, and Parasitic*, by Samuel Ayres of Los Angeles, and *Elimination of Pain After Rectal Operation and in Rectal Treatment*, by Norman J. Kilbourne of the same city.

It was stated that the Program Committee is endeavoring this year to put on programs of special value to all the members. We hope that members will keep the meetings in mind so that we may have as full an attendance as possible.

The Tri-County Postgraduate Conferences will be held again this fall. Dates and speakers will be announced later.

THOMAS A. CARD, *Secretary*.

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#### SACRAMENTO COUNTY

A regular meeting of the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was called to order by the president, Orrin S. Cook, the evening of September 17 at the Elks Temple.

Fifty-two members and guests were present.

Dr. Lorenz W. Ruddy reported a case of *Scleroma*. This is a rare condition characterized by a sclerosing and scarring infection of the mucous membranes of the nasopharynx. The etiology, epidemiology, symptoms, and treatment were discussed.

The Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was honored by the presence of R. A. Peers, president, and F. C. Warnshuis, secretary-treasurer, of the California Medical Association. Doctor Peers gave a speech and presented the new charter to the Society. Doctor Cook accepted the charter.

Doctor Warnshuis gave an interesting talk on the activities of the California Medical Association. His talk was followed by a general discussion.

The application for membership of Doctor Almada was read for the first time.

Applications from Doctors Charmicheal and Prisinzano were read for the second time, and according to the Constitution were voted upon by the members present. Both applicants were unanimously accepted into membership.

FRANK WARNE LEE, *Secretary*.

#### SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY

The annual meeting of the San Bernardino County Medical Society was held at the Arrowhead Springs Hotel on Tuesday, October 1.

Dinner was served at 7 p. m., seventy-five members and guests being in attendance.

Dr. J. A. Patterson suggested that since it was "ladies night," those members not bringing their wives be fined 25 cents each, and officers 50 cents, and that the money be added to the E. J. Eyttinge Memorial Fund. The president asked Doctor Patterson to collect, and \$7.50 was collected.

The following resolution, passed by the Council for the Society's action, was read:

Be It Resolved, That after due consideration and discussion of the resolution made by the Committee on Public Relations and the Committee on Political Relations, that the decision to do SERA medical work be left to the individual member of the Society, and that the Society disapprove of the present voluminous red tape now required in filling out medical reports for SERA clients.

Dr. F. F. Abbott read a very interesting paper discussing this problem. Dr. C. A. Wylie pointed out the splendid cooperation given the Society by Doctors Moreland and Nicola. The resolution was re-read a number of times, and there was considerable discussion. It was moved by Doctor Baylis that the Society disapprove the resolution. Seconded by Doctor Clough. After further discussion Doctor Baylis withdrew his motion, and Doctor Clough moved that the resolution be laid on the table. This motion was seconded, and passed.

Dr. F. F. Abbott moved that the Committee on Public Relations be instructed to work out some system to decrease the present SERA red tape and arrange a new fee schedule along the lines of the industrial accident fees, and make some provision for laboratory work in order that a high grade of medical practice may be possible, and that this report be presented to the Council of the California Medical Association at its next meeting. Seconded by Doctor Wylie, and passed.

The new president, Dr. D. C. Mock, was then installed and the elective officers announced.

The address of the retiring president, Dr. C. L. Emmons, was then given.

A short talk was given by State Assemblyman G. W. Corwin.

Mr. Ben Read, executive secretary of the Public Health League of California, then addressed the Society on *What Happened in Sacramento*.

A. E. VARDEN, *Secretary*.

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#### SAN JOAQUIN COUNTY

The regular monthly meeting of the San Joaquin County Medical Society was held in the staff dining room at the Stockton State Hospital on October 3 at 6:30 p. m. The medical society was the guest of the medical staff of the State Hospital. A delicious dinner was served to fifty-seven members and guests. Following the dinner the regular meeting was called to order at 7:55 p. m. by President C. A. Broadus.

Dr. Alfred M. Tunnell was elected to membership in the San Joaquin County Medical Society, having been transferred from the Marin County Medical Society.

Doctor Van Meter gave a report on the graduate study course and stated that twenty-four men had signed up to date for this series of lectures. He stated that the St. Joseph's Hospital staff had given up their regular meeting night, the second Thursday of the month, so that this course could get started as rapidly as possible. Doctor Van Meter stated that the medical society was very grateful to the St. Joseph's Hospital staff for this courtesy.

Doctor Fitzgerald moved that the Society thank the staff of the State Hospital for the delicious repast

which had been served. This was seconded by Doctor O'Donnell, and passed by a standing vote.

A program was given by the staff of the State Hospital. The members participating in the program were: Doctors Margaret H. Smyth, F. J. Conzelmann; T. W. Hagerty, H. C. Rixford, F. S. Marnell, N. E. Williamson, and Ione Pinney. The paper of the evening was given by Dr. George Stephen Johnson of the Stanford University Medical School. His subject was *Borderline Cases in the Neuropsychopathic Field*. This presentation caused lively discussion among the members of the Society.

G. H. ROHRBACHER, *Secretary*.

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#### SANTA BARBARA COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Santa Barbara County Medical Society was held on Monday evening, October 14, with President E. Kost Shelton presiding.

Dr. John P. Doyle of Los Angeles, formerly of the Mayo Clinic, gave an extremely interesting and instructive paper on *Chronic Alcoholism*. This was discussed by Dr. John Van Paing.

Dr. E. T. Remmen of Glendale then introduced Mr. Ben Read, executive secretary of the Public Health League of California.

Mr. Read gave a very enlightening talk upon the activities of the Legislative Committee of the State Association during the last session of the legislature, relating many of the difficulties encountered in defeating many vicious bills opposed by the medical profession. He explained in detail many of the important bills relating to the Medical Practice Act passed by the legislature. Mr. Read stressed the fact that the chiropractors and antivivisectionists were still with us, and that they would bring out new measures in the next session.

The important bill fostered by the medical profession will be the Basic Science Act, and advised that all doctors and dentists prepare mailing lists at once, so that they will be ready for active support when the bill is presented.

Doctor Ware reported for the Publicity Committee, and after much discussion it was decided that this committee should obtain more detailed information and then present this information to the Council, and that the Council should recommend whatever action should be necessary.

It was moved, seconded, and unanimously carried, that letters of appreciation be sent to Senator Stow and Assemblyman Robertson for their efficient and effective work in the legislature in the interests of the medical profession.

A letter from Drs. Geyman, Clark and Ware concerning radiology in hospitals was read and ordered filed.

Doctor Henderson reported for the Advisory Committee of the SERA and advised that doctors wishing to be placed on this panel should report to him.

The application of Dr. Johanna Dispensa was read, and upon balloting she was unanimously elected into the Society.

The Sparklets Water Company invited the Society to be their guests at a luncheon and football party. Moved, seconded, and carried, that while the Society appreciated the invitation, it was felt that the invitation could not be accepted by the Society as a whole, but that individual members would be glad to attend.

Doctor Roome asked for an opinion regarding the Health Conservation contest sponsored by the United States Chamber of Commerce, action to be taken at the next meeting.

WILLIAM H. EATON, *Secretary*.

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#### SISKIYOU COUNTY

The regular meeting of the Siskiyou County Medical Society, in conjunction with the Shasta County Society, was held at the McCloud Hospital at McCloud

on Sunday, October 20. The meeting was called to order by President J. R. U. Campbell, who turned the meeting over to the State Association officers.

State President Robert Peers gave a fine address, outlining the governing bodies of the State Association and their method of selection. He also defined their functions and powers. Doctor Peers talked at some length on the JOURNAL, stressing several points:

1. The importance of the members reading the monthly editorials. The editorials each month are merely the opinions of Doctor Kress. He desires to hear of any disagreement with his views and welcomes such criticism. In this way he is informed of the different opinions held in the large State Association.

2. Importance of reading the minutes. These minutes describe all Association procedures and inform the readers of any and all progress.

Doctor Peers also talked on the nine councilors and the need of the separate county societies calling on their councilor for advice. He also stressed the importance of the officers' luncheon, which is held at every State Association convention, at which the Association officers can get together with the county society officers and discuss problems.

Dr. Walter B. Coffey, chief surgeon for the Southern Pacific lines, gave a very interesting and pregnant talk, stressing the importance of the unanimity of organized medicine.

Mr. Hartley F. Peart, State Association attorney, gave an instructive talk on recent legislative problems and the new Hospital Association Bill just passed.

Dr. C. E. Schoff of Sacramento, councilor for the eighth district, gave a short talk, as did Dr. Henry Rogers of Petaluma, councilor for the ninth district. Doctor Rogers presented to Dr. George S. Martin of Susanville the new charter for the newly formed Lassen-Plumas-Modoc County Society.

Dr. Frederick Warnshuis, Association Secretary, gave a very informative talk. His talk dealt with the problems and aims of the State Association, and he outlined the plan for public (lay) instruction and urged that all county societies join in the public instruction in health matters, which is of much more value eventually than mere criticism of cults and quacks. Doctor Warnshuis has traveled over 18,000 miles in the State of California in the past year, performing his multitudinous duties.

Some of the doctors present at this large gathering (large for us) were: Doctors J. R. U. Campbell of Dunsuir, M. D. Pratt of Fall River Mills, Charles Law of Weaverville, C. J. Burnett and George Martin of Susanville, E. F. Carlson of Fort Jones, Robert A. Peers of Colfax, C. E. Schoff of Sacramento, J. T. Steele of Dunsuir, V. W. Hart and Ruth Hart of Yreka, W. C. Martin of Oak Knoll, H. R. MacVicker and H. L. Vidricksen of Weed, C. C. Gerrard, B. F. Saylor, G. L. Kay of Redding, F. W. Martin of Mount Shasta, C. M. Hanna of McArthur, E. W. Thomea of Bieber, A. H. Newton of Yreka, Henry Rogers of Petaluma, J. Langer of Hilt, Gus Braty of San Francisco, Charles Pius of Yreka, J. C. Hayes and C. W. Lemery of Medford, Oregon, and your humble scribe.

Dr. C. C. Dickinson of McCloud, our host, was very generous with his refreshments. After the meeting we joined with the Auxiliary members and their guest of honor, Mrs. Thomas J. Clark of Oakland, State Auxiliary president, in a sumptuous repast. We sincerely hope to have another meeting of this kind in the near future.

LESLIE J. SEELEY, *Secretary*.

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#### SOLANO COUNTY

The Solano County Medical Society held its meeting on October 8, at which time Dr. Stanley Mentzer was guest speaker. His talk was, *On the Differential Diagnosis of Diseases of the Gall-Bladder*.

A. E. CHAPPELL, *Secretary*.

## SONOMA COUNTY

The Sonoma County Medical Society held its regular monthly meeting for October at the Hotel Petaluma as a dinner meeting on the 10th, Dr. F. O. Butler presiding, with eighteen members and six guests being present.

The usual routine business was transacted, many communications read and acted upon, and our counselor, Dr. Henry S. Rogers, was given authority to use his good judgment in representing the Society at meetings of the Council. A plan for entering into a hospital insurance scheme was discussed, and the secretary was instructed to gather all available information upon the subject, to be presented for consideration at the next regular meeting.

W. C. SHIPLEY, *Secretary*.

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## TULARE COUNTY

The Tulare County Medical Society met on Sunday evening, September 22, for the first meeting of the fall term. Dinner at Motley's Café preceded the educational program.

The following members and guests were in attendance: Doctors Guide, Barber, Hill, Furness, Palmer, Miller, Wells, Ginsburg, Zeller, Winn, Preston, Betts, Shaw, Weiss, Rosson, Zumwalt, Hicks, Falk, Johnson, O'Connell, Mathias, and Parkinson.

Doctor Winn of Springville Sanitarium outlined a proposed tuberculin test survey in the high schools of Tulare County. Doctor Mathias made a motion that the Tulare County Medical Society go on record as approving the program of tuberculin testing. This was seconded by Doctor Betts, and carried.

Doctor Betts, as chairman of the committee comprised of Doctors Betts, Mathias, and Fillmore, presented a proposed SERA medical plan with a suggested fee schedule for Tulare County. On motion of Doctor Ginsburg, Drs. Austin Miller, J. C. McClure, and A. W. Preston were recommended as the Tulare County Medical Society Advisory Committee to this plan, and a list of the 1935 county membership roster appended as a panel, specifying that members in each community serve on rotation. The motion was carried and the committee instructed to inform Mr. E. M. Howard, county director of SERA activities, of this action.

Dr. Elmo Zumwalt briefly recapitulated the present status of the recent poliomyelitis epidemic, which seems to have run its course at this date.

During the last few weeks, members have been solicited to join the staff of a W. B. Mayo Laboratories of Medford, Oregon, and it has come to the attention of the Society officers that two of our members have signed agreements. A communication from the Council of the California Medical Association views this proposal with disfavor and recommends that members do not support this form of exploitation. A copy of the communication has been mailed to each member. Dr. R. C. Hill, as chairman of the Board of Censors, suggests this matter be referred to our district counselor.

Doctor Ginsburg called attention to the matter of objectionable competitive practice by certain members of the Society and this has been referred to the Board of Censors.

The educational part of the program followed the routine business session. We had as our guest speaker Dr. Edward B. Shaw, associate clinical professor of pediatrics at the University of California Medical School, who spoke on *The Clinical Management of Poliomyelitis*. A most complete presentation of this subject, which has so recently involved us locally, was given and our ideas crystallized as to the present most effective clinical management of the disease. Doctor Shaw spent considerable time after the presentation of his paper, answering the many questions. He was given a rising vote of thanks for his splendid paper.

KARL F. WEISS, *Secretary*.

## CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP

## New Members (47)

*Contra Costa County*.—William E. Cunningham, Peter Ross.

*Los Angeles County*.—

William M. Empie  
E. Dwight Farrington  
William P. Garrison  
F. Kenneth Gates  
Archie A. Jones  
Emmet F. Kesling  
William L. MacBeth  
L. A. Mangan  
Horace H. McCoy  
Port McWhorter  
Jack K. Moore

Anton H. Nerad  
Clyde A. Noland  
John G. Norman  
Orin J. Riddell  
Edward J. Rowan  
David Z. Schwartz  
Turner B. Smith  
John L. Wales  
Nathan H. Wallentine  
Orand F. Wellman  
Nealy C. Woods

*Orange County*.—Paul H. Esslinger, John C. Kraushaar, Elmer F. Otis, Dale O. Phetteplace, Thomas B. Rhone.

*Placer County*.—Bernard W. Hummelt, Paul S. Phelps.

*Sacramento County*.—Dudley V. Saeltzer, Henry L. Saverien, Joseph E. Tillotson.

*San Diego County*.—R. Emerson Bond.

*San Francisco County*.—

William E. Borley  
Parry Douglass  
Alice Fath  
Milton M. Hartman  
Susan C. Jones

Oscar K. Mohs  
James F. Rinehart  
Lionel J. Stookey  
Vinko V. Suglian  
Frederick S. Wolff

*Santa Clara County*.—Daniel Bilker, James C. Muir.

## Transferred (3)

Walter Rapaport, from Alameda County to Napa County.

Joseph E. Tillotson, from Sacramento County to Yolo-Colusa-Glenn County.

Alfred M. Tunnell, from Marin County to San Joaquin County.

## In Memoriam

**Ayer, Philip Edward.** Died at Los Angeles, October 11, 1935, age 35. Graduate of the Jefferson Medical College, 1923. Licensed in California in 1925. Doctor Ayer was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Bryan, Eugene Henry.** Died at Penryn, October 8, 1935, age 66. Graduate of Hospital College of Medicine, Louisville, 1894. Licensed in California in 1901. Doctor Bryan was a member of the Placer County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and the American Medical Association.

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**Floersheim, Samuel.** Died at Los Angeles, October 3, 1935, age 59. Graduate of the Bellevue Hospital Medical College, New York, 1898. Licensed in California in 1919. Doctor Floersheim was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

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**Lynch, Edward Clarence.** Died at Montebello, September 18, 1935, age 51. Graduate of Creighton University School of Medicine, Omaha, 1906. Licensed in California in 1929. Doctor Lynch was a member of the Los Angeles County Medical Association, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

**Nahman, Adolph Herman.** Died at San Francisco, September 18, 1935, age 58. Graduate of Northwestern University Medical School, 1909, and licensed in California the same year. Doctor Nahman was a member of the San Francisco County Medical Society, the California Medical Association, and a Fellow of the American Medical Association.

## C. M. A. DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC RELATIONS†

### Service Recognized

Announcement was made in a previous issue that upon contacting the State Forestry Department the California Medical Association was requested to organize an emergency medical corps in each state fire area. This was done by securing nominations from county medical societies.

The following extract from a letter which was received after the recent San Antonio fire, indicates the value of such an emergency corps:

On our San Antonio fire of last week we called the California Forest Medical Corps, and they responded twelve strong.

At this time I want to cite the services of Doctor Bailey, who, borrowing a pair of shoes from Captain Rosenburg, climbed four miles up a steep mountainside and gave first aid to a boy with a broken back. He also took blankets with him, made a stretcher and supervised the packing of the boy from the fire line.

I believe the California Forest Medical Corps is going to prove very valuable to the United States Forest Service in rendering first aid on fires, earthquakes, or any other catastrophe. I wish to thank you for your efforts in helping organize this group of doctors.

Very truly yours,

WILLIAM V. MENDENHALL,  
Forest Supervisor.

By WILLIAM V. JONES,  
Acting Forest Supervisor.

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### Health Insurance

Proposition: *Resolved*, That the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at public expense.

The foregoing question has been selected by the National University Extension Committee as the subject for debate by high-school and college students during the present school year. The Extension Committee's subcommittee on debate materials, through Professor Bower Aly of the University of Missouri, has prepared two debate handbooks giving a large list of reference subjects and reprints on many articles for and against the proposition. E. C. Buehler of the University of Kansas has prepared a 360-page Debaters Help Book. Many reference outlines are available.

Since the debate subject was announced every mail brings in several letters from all over the country as well as from California, requesting specific information as to the work of the Committee of Five, the bill that was introduced in the last legislature and the present situation in this State. Lacking approved literature, writers are referred to their local libraries.

It will be interesting to watch the public reaction to the presentations made by debate teams.

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### Press Releases

For the past six months press releases have been sent every week to some two hundred California newspapers. The purpose of these releases is to transmit

† The complete roster of the Committee on Public Relations is printed on page 2 of the front advertising section of each issue. Dr. Charles A. Dukes of Oakland is the chairman, and Dr. F. C. Warnshuis is the secretary. Component county societies and California Medical Association members are invited to present their problems to the committee. All communications should be sent to the director of the department, Dr. F. C. Warnshuis, Room 2004, Four Fifty Sutter Street, San Francisco.

dependable facts and advice related to public health, preventive medicine and medical progress.

The following subjects illustrate the nature of these releases: "Is Your Child Fit for School"; "Family Medicine Chest"; "Physical Examination of Football Players"; "Snake Bites"; "Carbon Monoxid Poisoning"; "The Common Cold"; "Diphtheria"; "How to Live with Your Heart"; "A Broken Bone"; "Tuberculosis," etc.

While every newspaper does not print all the releases sent to them, our clipping returns lead us to estimate that we are obtaining about 50 per cent publication. It is especially gratifying to note that wider publication is had in newspapers in smaller communities. Their readers are provided with what is probably their only source of information on medical and health subjects. It is felt that this education program will do much toward creating a sound public opinion regarding public health and medical care.

Members can greatly aid by contacting their local editors to urge the regular publication of these releases. A word of commendation will enable your Committee on Public Relations to obtain greater publicity.

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### Our Public Health Institutes

By the time this issue reaches you our first Public Health Institute will have been held in Oakland on November 4 and 5. In previous issues a general announcement was made of the nature and purpose of these institutes. In our next issue an illustrated description will be published.

Generous credit is given to the Alameda Auxiliary and County Society for their active work in perfecting arrangements, providing assistants, and in assuming direction. These units, by interviews and tact, enrolled community sponsorship by securing the coöperation of all the leading lay organizations. Just how this was done will be told in the next issue.

County societies and auxiliaries have been requested to submit dates for the holding of a similar Health Institute in their respective counties. These institutes constitute one of the major functions of the Committee on Public Relations. By this means it is proposed to give visualized information upon health, prevention of disease, and medical care to the public of this State. As an annual event in each community, it can be assumed that in due time desired results will be perceived in an enlightened public that will benefit by reason of this dependable form of health education.

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### Contacts

The following contacts have been made during the past month: State Parent-Teacher Association; Federation of Women's Clubs; Nurses' Association; Vision Conservation Association; Narcotic Inspectors.

The purpose of these contacts is to gain recognition for the Association in an advisory capacity in all matters related to public health, medical care and service.

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### Federal Fee Schedules

The Federal Compensation Commission has sought to secure an acceptance by physicians and hospitals of a fee schedule covering x-ray services, physiotherapy, and anesthesia. The fee table is impossible. A five- and ten-dollar anesthesia fee for a hospital-employed lay anesthetist is quoted. Physiotherapy is to be included in the \$4 per day hospital rate.

A protest was filed with the secretary of the Commission, which brought the following letter.

UNITED STATES EMPLOYEES' COMPENSATION  
COMMISSION

Washington, October 1, 1935.

Dear Doctor Warnshuis:

The Commission has received your telegram of September 28, 1935, in which you protest on behalf of the members of the California Medical Association the fee schedule for x-ray examinations which you state the Commission has declared "as constituting nonmedical services," and which you also state are "unreasonable and unwarranted."



In reply to your protest, I have to advise that it apparently is based on erroneous information concerning the position of the Commission regarding payment for x-ray services. The Commission has not defined x-ray examinations as nonmedical services and it has not officially promulgated a fee schedule for such services except as one item of an agreement with the several National Hospital Associations. The fees agreed upon with representatives of the National Hospital Associations apply to x-ray services furnished through hospital facilities and do not apply to individual members of your Association. In this connection your attention is directed to paragraph 7 of the published schedule of hospital fees agreed upon between the Joint Committee of the American, Catholic, and Protestant Hospital Associations and this Commission.

Concerning your request that the Commission authorize fees for this service equal to the State compensation fee schedule, it is necessary to advise that the Commission cannot officially adopt this schedule. The question of adopting the fee schedule in effect in the various States was carefully considered by the Commission, and after consultation with representatives of the American Medical Association it was concluded that this course would not be practicable. Fees for services rendered to injured employees of the Works Progress Administration by private physicians will be paid at rates not in excess of the minimum charge prevailing in the community for similar services. The Commission believes that this is a fair and equitable basis for the settlement of claims for medical services, especially in view of the fact that physicians rendering such services are certain to receive compensation therefor, which I am sure you will recognize is not always the case in private practice.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) WILLIAM McCAULEY,  
Secretary.

A request was then sent to the American Medical Association to endeavor to obtain through their representative the following action by the Federal Commission:

1. That the practice of roentgenology be declared to be as follows: That branch of medical science which deals with the use of radiant energy in the diagnosis and treatment of disease, including the art of making radiographs and all steps pertaining thereto.
2. That technical services by unlicensed physicians be not recognized or condoned.
3. That a fee schedule equal to the average schedule of every community be approved and promulgated.
4. That institutional or hospital practice of medicine be not recognized. To do so would be abetting a field of corporate practice of medicine.
5. That the United States Compensation Commission be respectfully requested to issue a new hospital fee schedule to cover hospitalization and to approve a new fee schedule to cover radiology out of the hospital.

I shall be greatly obliged if you will advise me in regard to the results of your representations.

Members are requested to insist on these conditions before agreeing to render services to injured federal employees. In principle we object to the determination of fees by federal commissions and hospital administrators without conferring with the licensed doctors of medicine.

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#### Division of Forestry

Sacramento, California,  
October 18, 1935.

Dr. Frederick C. Warnshuis,  
450 Sutter Street,  
San Francisco, California.

Dear Doctor:

We have recently been handed the roster of the California Forestry Medical Corps, which is sponsored by the California State Chamber of Commerce and the California Medical Association. It is indeed heartening to me to know that the medical profession is seriously taking its part in the protection of California's valuable forest resources, and I want to take this opportunity to welcome you as a coöperator in this field of activity.

I have had the opportunity to observe the medical corps in action on two instances. You, no doubt, realize that we, who are in an official capacity with reference to protection of the forests from fire, are often embarrassed with well-meant but overenthusi-

astic citizen coöperation. I was, therefore, delighted to observe the efficient and business-like manner in which the doctors responded to the fire call, and their very effective work.

Very sincerely yours,  
M. B. PRATT, *State Forester.*

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#### Radio Broadcasts

This is for the information of members:

Perhaps you are aware of the fact that some thirty or more high-school debating leagues are debating this year the following question:

"Resolved, That the several states should enact legislation providing for a system of complete medical service available to all citizens at public expense."

The medical profession throughout the entire country has been most helpful in assisting these schools and debaters in securing authoritative information.

The National Broadcasting Company is providing the facilities of its red network for a chain broadcast on this question on Tuesday afternoon, November 12. The following statement gives the essential facts concerning this broadcast:

#### SPEAKERS

Affirmative: William Trufant Foster, director, Polak Foundation; Professor Bower Aly, University of Missouri, editor of the *Debate Handbook*.

Negative: Dr. Morris Fishbein, editor of the *Journal of the American Medical Association*; Dr. R. G. Leland, director, Bureau of Medical Economics, American Medical Association.

Time: November 12, 2 to 3 p. m., eastern standard time (1 to 2 p. m., central standard time; 12 to 1 p. m. mountain standard time; 11 to 12, Pacific standard time).

Stations broadcasting: NBC red network and affiliated stations.

No doubt many of your members will be interested in hearing this debate, as I anticipate there are no two speakers who can present the negative more effectively than Doctors Fishbein and Leland. Perhaps you can arrange to see that the information reaches all of your members, either through an announcement in your monthly publication or through a special bulletin or post card. We have no information as to the exact list of stations which will handle this broadcast, so each person interested should get in touch with the radio stations in his area, urging those affiliated with NBC to carry the broadcast for the benefit of the high-school debaters, the medical profession, and others interested in this discussion.

If we get definite information later, the Association Secretary will endeavor to send to the county societies a complete list of the stations included in the network on this occasion.

## THE WOMAN'S AUXILIARY TO THE CALIFORNIA MEDICAL ASSOCIATION†

MRS. THOMAS J. CLARK .....President  
MRS. ELMER BELT.....Editor and Chairman of Publicity

#### State Auxiliary News

**Philadelphia's Health Institute.**—This year the Woman's Auxiliary to the Philadelphia County Medical Society presented for the fifth time its annual health institute. In this admirable endeavor to advance an understanding of scientific medicine among

† As county auxiliaries to the Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association are formed, the names of their officers should be forwarded to Mrs. Elmer Belt, chairman of the Publicity and Publications Committee, 2200 Live Oak Drive, Los Angeles. Brief reports of county auxiliary meetings will be welcomed by Mrs. Belt and must be sent to her before publication takes place in this column. For lists of state and county officers, see advertising page 6. The Council of the California Medical Association has instructed the editor to allocate two pages in every issue for Woman's Auxiliary notes.



the lay public, the Philadelphia Auxiliary has been pioneer. Each of its all-day sessions has been increasingly successful, carefully planned, ably presented, and well attended. With interest in health institutes particularly active just now in California—the Alameda Auxiliary after several months of planning has about completed the arrangements for its initial effort in this line to be held November 4 and 5 in the Civic Auditorium of Oakland, the San Diego Auxiliary is planning one for presentation in the spring, besides a series sponsored by the California Medical Association with which the Auxiliaries have been asked to co-operate—the program of Philadelphia's 1935 institute is perhaps of special concern.

Their health institute of this year was built about the theme, *Health During the Depression*. The morning program opened at ten o'clock with an address of welcome by the president of the county medical society, Dr. Seth Brumm. There followed three half-hour talks, one on *Prenatal and Maternity Care* by Dr. Ruth Hartley Weaver; another on *The Health of Pennsylvania's Children*, which was based on the findings of the State Emergency Health Committees and given by Dr. B. Frank Royer; and the third on *Why We Do Not Profit by Our Mistakes* by Dr. E. A. Strecker. A two-hour intermission for the luncheon was allowed, and the afternoon session began at two o'clock. Mrs. Robert W. Tomlinson, then president of the National Auxiliary, and Mrs. Laurie Sargent, the State Auxiliary president, each said a few words of greeting before the three talks of the afternoon. Dr. Emily P. Bacon spoke on *Child Care*, Dr. Chevalier L. Jackson on *Dangers of Swallowing Caustics and Foreign Bodies*, and the closing speech, by Dr. Stanley P. Reiman on the *Menace of Cancer*, ended the day's program promptly at 3:30 p. m.

**A Public Relations Report.**—Through the "National News Letter" comes a report from Oregon of the work of the Public Relations Committee of the Multnomah County Medical Auxiliary, whose chief center is the city of Portland. During the current year the Auxiliary has been represented on the legislative and health committees of the State Federation of Women's Clubs, the members attending all the meetings and taking an active interest in health questions. Also on the Women's Joint Legislative Council, a most important group organized by the League of Women Voters and the Association of American University Women, the committee was ably represented. One of their members was appointed health chairman for the State Federation group, a position of considerable power and prestige. The health chairmen of Parent-Teachers Associations were contacted and the use of the study envelopes explained to them, and the suggestion made that the use of them as permanent lending libraries in the various schools might be helpful. There are now 651 copies of the envelopes in service in some forty Parent-Teachers groups. The committee reached twenty-five program chairman in the schools and succeeded in placing scientifically trained and qualified speakers on many of the health programs throughout the year. In addition to this the committee, with the help of other Auxiliary members, actively conducted a successful preëlection campaign in opposition to the healing arts amendment.

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#### County Auxiliary Reports

**Alameda County.**—On Friday, September 20, the Woman's Auxiliary of Alameda County Medical Association met at the Claremont Country Club. A board meeting was held in the morning before the luncheon, at which time plans for the Public Health Institute on November 4 and 5 were discussed. Mrs. Sutherland reported that most all the leading clubs and organizations of Oakland have promised their co-operation, and with the help of the County Medical Association we hope to give the public something very worth while.

Following the luncheon hour, Dr. J. C. Geiger, health officer of the city of San Francisco, talked to

us on the work accomplished by the Auxiliaries. Mr. George Calvin discussed bills coming up before the legislature, and Mrs. Harold Trimble gave an illustrated talk on the history of medicine. This talk is the first of a series of fifteen-minute addresses which will be given by members of the Auxiliary throughout the year.

Another activity during the month of October will be a dinner for our husbands on October 22. Some very fine talent has been secured, and we are looking forward to an interesting evening.

LAURA S. HENRY, *Publicity Chairman*.

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**Los Angeles County.**—The Auxiliary's main mid-summer activity was their annual "Fiesta para los Médicos," celebrated on Saturday evening, August 24, in the lovely Del Amo gardens. Mrs. Barrow appointed Mrs. A. Brockway as Hospitality Chairman, assisted by Mrs. Rafe Chaffin, and together they planned a delightful occasion. Dinner was served at long tables under the pergola, and strolling Spanish troubadours added gaiety with their music and charming folk songs. Dancing, cards, music, and much fun at the fortune-telling rendezvous, filled the evening hours for nearly 250 guests.

This year promises to prove an extremely busy one if every month measures up to September, which has been crowded with activity; committees drawing up the year's plans and programs, suburban county groups holding business sessions, and the social calendar of the whole county formally opened with the president's tea, held in the beautiful home and garden of our gracious leader, Mrs. John V. Barrow. Over five hundred members and their guests attended, the Board and Social Activities Committee, under the direction of Mrs. Franklin Farman, assisting Mrs. Barrow as hostesses. The Auxiliary was proud of being able to call upon talented members of its own group for entertainment; Mrs. Walter Wessels rendered violin selections and Mrs. Peter O. Sundin, a number of songs. This opening event was given over to recounting vacation experiences, detailing plans for the winter's work, and interesting nonmembers in joining.

To stimulate interest in the Auxiliary among the residents eligible in Wilmington and San Pedro, a tea was held at the home of Mrs. W. W. Horst of Wilmington on September 11. That the remarks of Mrs. John V. Barrow, who addressed the group, were challenging was evidenced by the animated hour of discussion that followed. Another tea of the month was that at which our energetic chairman of *Hygeia*, Mrs. Mark Glaser, entertained a group of members and mapped out an ambitious campaign for their efforts in *Hygeia's* behalf. It is her aim that each member of the Auxiliary be responsible for the sale of two yearly subscriptions to that magazine at the cut rate of \$1.25 for the twelve months.

The Long Beach branch of the Woman's Auxiliary held their initial meeting on October 1, at which time Mrs. Francis B. Settle was elected chairman of the Harbor branch, Mrs. Ralph Eusden, the vice-chairman, and Mrs. R. W. Swinney, the membership chairman. Mr. Ben Read, executive secretary of the Public Health League of California, addressed this dinner meeting, discussing pending legislative bills which have to do with medical matters.

Mrs. HAROLD E. CROWE,  
*Corresponding Secretary*.

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**Orange County.**—A large and enthusiastic gathering of members of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Orange County Medical Association met at the home of Mrs. Hiram M. Currey in Santa Ana on the afternoon of October 1. Mrs. Ray C. Green of Fullerton presided. The treasurer reported the sum of \$150 in the Student Loan Fund. As proof that the Program Committee, under the direction of Mrs. K. H. Sutherland, had been busy during the summer, the program leaflet for the ensuing year displayed an interesting variety of

book reviews, musical entertainment, and addresses by prominent speakers. At each meeting there is also scheduled a discussion of some recent medical event. Following out this idea, a résumé was given of the articles on recent medical and public health legislation, appearing in the June, July, and August issues of the *California Public Health Guardian*. The thoroughly enthralling part of the program was a review of Hans Zinsser's "Rats, Lice, and History" by Mrs. Merrill W. Hollingsworth, who succeeded in conveying to her audience Doctor Zinsser's inimitable humor as well as his presentation of the whole panorama of history. Mrs. Currey and her assisting hostesses, Mesdames Glenn Curtis, H. C. Nelson, E. L. Russell, H. MacVicker Smith, and K. H. Sutherland, then served tea at a charmingly appointed table at which Mrs. R. C. Green and Mrs. G. Emmett Raitt presided.

JESSIE Q. RAITT, *Publicity Chairman*.

**Sacramento.**—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Sacramento Society for Medical Improvement was held Tuesday afternoon, June 18, at the home of Mrs. F. F. Gundrum, with the president, Mrs. F. N. Scatena, presiding. As all reports for the year had been turned in at the previous meeting, the minutes were read and approved and the afternoon was then given over to the Entertainment Committee, under the leadership of Mrs. Dave Dozier. The beautiful garden of Mrs. Gundrum's home was the scene of the party, with gay parasols and tables for the pleasure of the guests. Each guest had been requested to bring her bathing suit, and the large pool was a popular spot. The entertainment consisted of a bathing revue, made up of comic stunts and costumes worn many years ago. At the close of the program Mrs. Gundrum, assisted by Mesdames Dave Dozier, E. S. Babcock, F. W. Lee, Hans Schlueter, Charles Vanina, Orrin Cook, George Briggs, Angus McKinnon, and Miss Florence Reckers, served delicious refreshments in the garden.

The September meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Russel Harris on Tuesday evening, the 17th, with the president, Mrs. F. N. Scatena, presiding. A letter from Dr. F. C. Warnshuis in regard to a Health Institute was read, and our coöperation urged. A motion was passed to support this undertaking in whatever way we would be able. Mrs. Scatena announced that our year should be changed to begin April 1 in place of January 1, so as to run concurrently with that of the State. A motion was passed to so do. Mrs. Krull asked for more reading material for the County Hospital library. Three new members were then introduced—Mrs. Paul S. Phelps, Mrs. R. C. Atkinson of Colfax, and Mrs. L. Sanborn of Folsom. The next meeting is to be held at the home of Mrs. George Briggs. The speaker of the day was Miss Margaret Graham, who talked on her trip and experiences in the Orient and exhibited a collection of beautiful and interesting art objects. The hostess, Mrs. Harris, assisted by Mesdames Cordes Ankele, C. Bittner, C. B. McKee, Charles von Geldern, E. Servier, H. R. Johnson, C. Doe, and B. Ross, served a delicious tea.

SARAH L. BRENDL, *Corresponding Secretary*.

**San Diego County.**—The regular meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the San Diego County Medical Society was held at the Casa de Bandini on October 8. Mexican girls in native costume, in keeping with the tradition of this old Spanish house, served a delicious luncheon. Mrs. Willard Newman, the social chairman, announced plans for the annual dinner dance to be given on November 6 at the El Cortez. About seventy-five couples are expected to attend. The president, Mrs. Emil C. Black, urged all members to tune in on the American Medical Association's radio programs given each Tuesday afternoon over NBC. These programs are fine dramatizations of medical events and should interest lay radio listeners as well. The Auxiliary members, through their various contacts, can call the attention of many persons to these

programs. For the afternoon's entertainment Mrs. Winston Crabtree gave a splendid reading and interpretation of the play "Yellow Jack" by Sidney Howard and Dr. Paul de Kruif. The play deals with the discovery of the cause of yellow fever, the brave "human guinea-pigs," and the development of a specific serum for treatment. This reading concluded one of the most interesting meetings the Auxiliary here has ever had.

LUCILE NEWTON, *Secretary*.

**Santa Clara County.**—The October meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Santa Clara Medical Association was held on October 7 at the Los Altos Country Club, with Mrs. Russel Lee presiding. Fifty members were present, and participated in the discussion of three new amendments to the Constitution. As this was the first meeting of the fall series all the new members were introduced. Following this a Brahms musical program and tea, complimentary to the new members, were enjoyed. Those who took part in the entertainment were: Mrs. George Barnett, soloist, Mrs. Sanford Nelson, piano accompanist, and the Brahms trio, consisting of Miss Elizabeth Pierce, Mrs. Milton Saier, and Mrs. Stanford Nelson. Presiding at the tea table were Mrs. Charles M. Richards and Mrs. C. Kelly Canelo, the past president.

MRS. MERLIN T.-R. MAYNARD,  
*Corresponding Secretary*.

**Proposed National Oxygen Tent Service.**—In England, the oxygen tent is regarded as the most efficient means devised for the administration of oxygen, but it is not generally available. A number of leading teachers of the London hospitals have, therefore, sent a joint memorandum to the British Red Cross Society asking for help in rendering the tent more readily available in hospitals and in patients' homes. The society has responded by coöperating in the establishment of a national oxygen tent service. But before embarking on a complete scheme, which would involve much expense, the society wants to collect more data than are at present available on the value of the oxygen tent in various conditions. To obtain this it has placed an order for the construction of twelve sets of apparatus, which will soon be available. One tent will then be placed at the disposal of each of the principal London hospitals. The hospitals have been asked to make a trial of the tent over a period of not less than two months by keeping comprehensive records of the cases for which the tent has been used and reporting on the value of a national service. At the end of the trial the hospitals can acquire the tent by refunding the cost to the society. In its most modern form the tent is built on an adaptable frame and can be raised or lowered by means of a handle behind the bed. The patient is kept under observation through noninflammable celluloid windows.—*Journal of the American Medical Association*.

In 1869 Matthew Arnold wrote: "The great men of culture are those who have had a passion for diffusing, for making prevail, for carrying from one end of society to the other, the best knowledge, the best ideas of their time; who have labored to divest knowledge of all that was harsh, uncouth, difficult, abstract, professional, exclusive; to humanize it, to make it efficient outside the clique of the cultivated and learned, yet still remaining the best knowledge and thought of the time, and a true source therefore of sweetness and light."

That public health originated in the attempt to relieve crude physical suffering and especially to achieve this only by preventing disease, does not take from its present or future immensity greater importance. That it has reached already its present outstanding influence is proof enough of its inherent strength derived wholly from its truth—that is, its correspondence with, not things just dreamed about, but things that are—not with just some things in the universe, but with all things.—H. W. Hill, M. D.